

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough review of the present application, and respectfully request reconsideration in light of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended to better define the claimed invention. Claims 13-14 have been added to provide Applicants with the scope of protection to which they are believed entitled. The Title, specification and Abstract have been revised to be in compliance with commonly accepted US patent practice. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

The objections to the specification, the Title and claim 7 are believed overcome as the specification, the Title and claim 7 have been amended in the manner kindly suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action.

The objection to claim 1 and the *35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph* rejection of claims 1-12 are believed overcome in view of the amendment made to claim 1. Applicants further submit that newly added claims 13-14 are free of any indefiniteness issues under *35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph*.

Indication of allowable subject matter of claims 1-12 as well as new claims 13-14 in the absence of applied prior art is believed appropriate and therefore courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicants' attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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